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SUBJ: SOVIET SHIP VISIT WELCOMED BY KEREKOU

1. SOVIET ALLIGATOR CLASS LST 521, "KRASNAJA PRESNIA", ON ITS
SECOND STOP IN COTONOU IN RECENT WEEKS, WAS OFFICIALLY WELCOMED
APRIL 9 BY PRESIDENT MATHIEU KEREKOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GPRB,
PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND OFFICERS OF BENINESE MILITARY.

2. IN LONG RAMBLING WELCOMING STATEMENT KEREKOU CONTRASTED
SHIP'S VISIT WITH JANUARY 16 ATTACK ON COTONOU: SHIP A SYMBOL
OF "INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT", IN CONTRAST TO FORCES OF
"INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM" RESPONSIBLE FOR MERCENARY ATTACK.
SOVIET SAILORS WELCOMED AS "REVOLUTIONARY COMRADS". SOVIETS
RESPONDED WITH USUAL RHETORIC OF "SOLIDARITY".

3. KEREKOU AND SOVIETS PROBABLY WERE WAITING FOR OPPORTUNE
MOMENT, SUCH AS SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON BENIN COMPLAINT,
TO GIVE THE VESSEL ITS OFFICIAL WELCOME. SHIP NOW BEING VISITED
BY ORDINARY BENINESE CITIZENS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
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